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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVERSION OF PORTION OF VOA SITE AT CAMP WALLACE

REF: (A) MANILA 12041 (250223Z OCT 73)

(B) STATE 248374 (202311Z DEC 73)

1. EMBASSY HAS RUN INTO SNAG ON REVERSION OF LAND AT VOA PORO POINT TRANSMITTER SITE. IN DECEMBER, 1973, WHEN GOP NOTE ON REVERSION OF LAND CROSSED EMBASSY NOTE BASED ON REFERENCES, WE LEARNED THAT THERE WAS DISCREPANCY BETWEEN GOP AND U.S. ESTIMATE OF SITE SIZE. GOP NOTE STATES THAT SURVEY BY PHIL ARMY ENGINEERS IN JULY, 1973 HAD ESTABLISHED THAT AREA WAS 12,137 SQUARE METERS IN CONTRAST TO THE APPROXIMATE FIGURE OF 9,600 SQUARE METERS WHICH WE HAD USED FOR YEARS.

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2. DISCREPANCY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF PHIL PANEL AT MDB

METES AND BOUNDS COMMITTEE'S MID-JANUARY MEETING. AT FEBRUARY METES AND BOUNDS MEETING, PHILS REPORTED THAT WHEN PHIL SURVEYORS WENT TO VOA INSTALLATION, VOA OFFICIALS (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO EMBASSY OR 13TH AF) HAD RECOMMENDED THE SURVEY POINTS SURVEYORS ULTIMATELY USED. EMBASSY HAS SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT 12,137 SQUARE METER AREA ENCOMPASSED BY THOSE SURVEY POINTS IS THAT MENTIONED IN USIA 20288 (DTG 092110Z DEC 69), OPERATIVE PORTION OF WHICH STATED: QUOTE:AGENCY WILLING RELEASE SMALL PLOT OF LAND SOUTHEAST CORNER PORO TRANSMITTER SITE, PROPERTY BOUNDED BY FENCE CORNER POSTS 13 TO 18, TO PHILIPPINE NAVY. END QUOTE. VOA APPARENTLY FAVORED THESE POINTS BECAUSE THEY WOULD MAKE BETTER LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN TRANSMITTER AND PROPOSED PHIL NAVY PORO POINT HELIPAD THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN 9,600 SQUARE METER AREA, WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE AWKWARD DOGLEG IN BOUNDARY.

3. THE 12,137 SQUARE METER PROPOSAL DOES MAKE BETTER BOUNDARY LINE ADDITIONAL AREA MARGINAL AND HAS NO MATERIAL EFFECT ON VOA PROPERTY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEND NOTE TO DFA ON THIS SUBJECT REPLACING 9,600 SQUARE METERS WITH 12,137 SQUARE METERS WHEREVER FORMER FIGURE APPEARS. SULLIVAN

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